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ALL 4 PROSECUTORS QUIT STONE CASE

TRUMP TWEET SPURS CONCERNS OF DOJ INTERFERENCE

Roger Stone in November

THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON — All four career prosecutors handling the case against Roger Stone, a confidant of President Donald Trump, asked to withdraw from the legal proceedings Tuesday — and one quit his job entirely — after the Justice Department signaled that it planned to reduce their sentencing recommendation for the president's friend.

The sudden and dramatic moves came after prosecutors and their superiors had argued for days over the appropriate penalty for Stone, and surfaced what some career Justice Department employees say is more evidence that the historically independent law enforcement institution is being bent to Trump's political will.

Jonathan Kravis, one of the prosecutors, wrote in a court filing he had resigned as an assistant U.S. attorney, leaving the government altogether. Three others — Aaron Zelinsky, Adam Jed and Michael Marando — asked a judge's permission to leave the case.

Zelinsky, a former member of special counsel Robert Mueller's team, also indicated in a filing that he was leaving

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

It's Sanders, Buttigieg in lead again; Democratic field thins

SANDERS 25.8%

BUTTIGIEG 24.4%

KLOBUCHAR 19.7%

WARREN 9.3%

BY STEVE PEOPLES, KATHLEEN RONAYNE AND HUNTER WOODALL
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Bernie Sanders eked out a narrow win over Pete Buttigieg in the New Hampshire Democratic primary Tuesday night as the two ideological opposites battled it out for front-runner status in the chaotic nomination fight to take on President Donald Trump.

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, a Midwestern moderate like the former mayor Buttigieg, was trailing in third place. It It was an unexpectedly strong showing for Klobuchar, who surged following a standout debate performance on Friday.

"Tonight in New Hampshire, as everyone had counted us out even a week ago," Klobuchar said, "I came back and we delivered."

For most of Tuesday evening, the race was too close to call. But the

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'THIS IS WHAT BASEBALL FEELS LIKE'

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Cardinals shortstop Paul DeJong throws to first during a ground ball drill Tuesday at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Fla. Pitchers and catchers reported for spring training on Tuesday, and the first official workout is Wednesday. Many position players already have shown up, as well.

BENJAMIN HOCHMAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

JUPITER, Fla. — There's this door here.

It's green, but not infield-grass green — more like outfield-wall-at-Busch green.

When it pops opens, as it did sporadically on Tuesday morning, each time it's a little surprise as to who will pop out. One time, it could be catcher Yadier Molina. Next time, it could be catcher Dennis Ortega. Hey, there's Waino! Hey, there's, um, Evan Kruczynski? Yep, so that's Evan Kruczynski. The door could swing open and it could be Jack

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Kirkwood School Board member allegedly used position to promote real estate business

BY BLYTHE BERNHARD
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

KIRKWOOD — A school board member in Kirkwood attended student discipline and special education meetings with parents "as political muscle," promised a school zoning exemption to a potential home buyer, and made comments that contributed to the departure of a newly hired superintendent, according to a resolution of censure on Monday's board agenda.

The board dropped its plan to vote on censuring board member Julie Backer after she signed a statement Monday apologizing for statements and actions that were "inconsistent" with board policies and norms.

"Julie Backer agrees that some of her efforts should be more directed towards unified Board action as opposed to personal

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Like to be king of your own castle? Jefferson County estate may fit bill

BY LEAH THORSEN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

FESTUS — A castle tucked away on 2,400 acres, visible to the outside world only from water or air, is on the market for $24.75 million — more than twice the asking price of any luxury property for sale in the St. Louis area.

It's being touted as a once-in-a-lifetime chance to own a private estate that includes a furnished castle with a conference center and an 18-hole golf course, according to the listing by Cushman & Wakefield real estate firm.

Union Pacific has for more than 30 years owned the nine-bedroom, limestone mansion with a gun tower used in the Civil War. The railroad used it as a corporate retreat, but in 2018 decided to close it to cut costs.

"It's immaculate," said

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DOUG ABEL, CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD

Selma Hall in Festus is on the market for $24.75 million.

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